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RECIPROCITY

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Visa Class	Fee	No. Applications	Validity
A-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
A-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
A-3 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
B-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
B-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
B-1/B-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
C-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
C-1/D	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
C-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	12 MONTHS
C-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
D	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
E-1 [2]	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
E-2 [2]	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
F-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
F-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
G-5 [1]	NONE	MULTIPLE	24 MONTHS
H-1B	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-1C	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-2A	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-2B	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
H-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
I	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
J-1 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
J-2 [4]	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
K-1	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-2	NONE	ONE	6 MONTHS
K-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
K-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
L-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
L-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
M-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
M-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
N-8	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
N-9	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
NATO 1-7	N/A	N/A	N/A
O-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
O-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
O-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]

P-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
P-4	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS [3]
Q-1 [6]	NONE	MULTIPLE	15 MONTHS [3]
Q-2 [6]	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
Q-3 [6]	NONE	MULTIPLE	36 MONTHS
R-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
R-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	60 MONTHS
S-5 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-6 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
S-7 [7]	NONE	ONE	1 MONTH
TD [5]	N/A	N/A	N/A
V-1	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS
V-2	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]
V-3	NONE	MULTIPLE	120 MONTHS [8]

SPECIAL CLEARANCE AND ISSUANCE PROCEDURES

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Posts with CLASS capability should not send IV clearance requests to Dublin unless a CLASS check indicates derogatory information on file there.

DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS

Police Record

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Available. Residents of the Republic of Ireland may apply for a "Police Certificate of Character" through their district Civic Guard (Garda Siochana) office. The applicant receives the certificate directly by mail after both the district office and the Garda Headquarters in Dublin have performed record checks. The certificate is printed on 7-3/4" X 8-1/4" buff paper. Derogatory information is usually listed on the back of the form. To be valid, the certificate must have an oval date stamp from Garda Headquarters (usually placed in the upper right hand corner); a district stamp alone is not sufficient. The form should be signed by the district superintendent, or his or her deputy.

Persons residing outside of Ireland can apply for the "Police Certificate of Character" by writing the Garda office in the district of their former residence. The applicant should furnish his or her full name, date and place of birth, and period and place of residence in the Republic of Ireland. The request should be accompanied by a birth certificate.

Prison Record

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Available. A statement of penal servitude may be obtained directly from the prison in question, but the police certificate usually provides details of conviction and sentencing.

Military Record

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Available. A special "Record of Service in the Defence Forces" has been devised by Irish authorities to meet U.S. visa requirements. Applicants with military service in the permanent or reserve forces (including the Foras Cosanta Aitiuil or Slua Muiri) can obtain the form by contacting the Officer in Charge, Enlisted Personnel Section, Defence Forces Headquarters, Infirmary Road, Dublin 8. The applicant must provide his or her birth date, enlistment date, Army service number, and the name of the unit in which he served. The form is printed on standard, white Irish paper (8-1/4" X 11-3/4") and signed by the Officer in Charge of the Enlisted Personnel Section.

Birth Certificate

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Available. Civil or "long-form" birth certificates are issued on white or light grey paper, varying in width (7" to 8-1/4") and length (13" to 16"). A "short form" birth certificate is also available, but it does not include all the necessary information. Similarly, baptismal and church certificates are generally not acceptable for immigration purposes.

The long-form certificates are serially numbered in the upper left-hand corner, and consist of eleven numbered boxes arrayed horizontally on the page. At the bottom of the certificate is the warning that "TO ALTER THIS DOCUMENT OR TO UTTER IT SO ALTERED IS A SERIOUS OFFENSE." The entries may be hand-written or typed. Certificates, which are generally available for all births from January 1, 1894, can be issued by either the local registry office or the Registrar General in Dublin. The certificate should show a stamp or seal by the issuing authority.

There is a fee for issuance of a birth certificate, assuming the applicant can provide his or her full name (as given at birth), date of birth, place of birth, and parents' names (including maiden name of mother). A search fee may be incurred if the applicant does not provide full information. There is a fee for additional copies at the time of issuance. Requests for birth certificates can be made directly to the Registrar General, Joyce House, 8-11 Lombard Street East, Dublin 2.

Passports - Information on Travel Documents

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Passport: Only Irish citizens are entitled to hold Irish passports, which are issued for a maximum 10 years validity. Passports can be issued with shorter validity (three years) to minors and persons over 65 years. Replacement passports are issued for the unexpired period of the previous passport when the latter is surrendered for cancellation. Children can be carried on their parents' passports (without photographs) up to age 16. Until 1992, married couples could obtain joint passports, but now every adult applicant is issued an individual passport. Passports come in a 32-page standard size and a 48-page large size; the 96-page version has been phased out. A new, machine-readable passport was introduced in September 1993, but some Irish passport offices, particularly those outside of Dublin, continue to issue traditional, hand-written passports.

All Irish passports issued from January 1, 1998 onwards will be of the new European Union variety. However, European Community (EC) format passports will continue to be valid until their date of expiration, or until December 2007, whichever is earlier.

Emergency Passport: Irish citizens who lose their passports abroad may be issued emergency passport to enable them to return to Ireland or travel to another country. The emergency passport is printed on standard Irish paper (8-1/4" X 11-3/4") and bears the seal of the issuing embassy or consulate.

Collective Passport: These are issued for group travel abroad, mainly to school children, handicapped persons, and pilgrims. The collective passport is printed on standard Irish paper (8-1/4" X 11-3/4") and is held by the group leader. Members of the group carry travel identity cards issued by the Irish passport office.

Other Records

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Available. Most other civil documents, including adoption, marriage and death certificates, are available from the Registrar General in Dublin and can be obtained using the same procedure as outlined for birth certificates. There may be a fee for this service.

VISA ISSUING POST

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Dublin (E) All Categories

GEOGRAPHIC AREAS SERVICED

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The entire Republic of Ireland.